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Reading

Bedroom Battles, Part 2

Amber talks about sharing a bedroom with her sister, Molly.



I love my sister Molly. She's cheerful, she doesn't often get angry and she's seldom in a bad mood. But we sometimes argue and there's a good reason for this: we share a bedroom. It's a nightmare for me. Some parents complain that their children are messy and disorganised, and their rooms are dirty. But Molly is the opposite. She's too tidy and too organised. You should see her half of the bedroom – it's too clean! You could eat your dinner from the floor! Her clothes are always arranged neatly in her wardrobe: tops on the left (light colours together and dark colours together), trousers and jeans on the right. She cleans her desk every day and her books are arranged perfectly on her bookcase – in alphabetical order! I let her borrow my things, but I'm not allowed to touch hers. She says I don't put them back in the right place! I think my parents sometimes feel sorry for me!

Me? I'm a normal teenager. Mum says I'm untidy when I leave my clothes on my bed or when I forget to take dirty glasses down to the kitchen – and Molly shouts at me. I don't understand why. It's no big deal. I tidy my half of the bedroom once a week. One day I'll have my own room and I'll keep it as messy as I like!



1 Read the text quickly and answer the questions.

- Who is tidier: Amber or Molly? _____
- Who thinks a messy bedroom is normal: Amber or Molly? _____

2 Read the text again and circle the correct answers.

- Molly is usually cheerful / in a bad mood.
- Amber sometimes / never disagrees angrily with Molly.
- Amber thinks Molly's half of the bedroom isn't clean enough / is too clean.
- Amber / Molly keeps her clothes organised.
- Molly is / isn't allowed to touch Amber's things.
- Molly sometimes shouts at her mother / Amber.
- Amber would like / wouldn't like to have her own room.

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

deal dirty feel messy
nightmare normal organised

- Please clean your bedroom. The floor is very dirty!
- She can never find her things because her room is so _____.
- Why are you so upset? It's no big _____!
- The exam was a _____. I couldn't answer any questions!
- I often argue with my parents, but that's _____. Most teenagers do.
- I _____ sorry for James. His parents are very strict.
- My brother is very _____ and he always puts thing back in the right place.

4 Answer the questions for you.

- Do you have your own room or do you share it with someone?

2 Are you tidy or untidy?

3 How often do you tidy your room?

4 Are you allowed to take food and drink to your room?

5 Do you argue with your parents about your room?
